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BRITISH DEPARTURE FROM FISHING GROUNDS --
FONMIN' S SPEECH IN STRASBOURG

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. GOI AUTHORITIES HAVE REACTED WITH SURPRISE AND
PLEASURE TO SUDDEN MOVEMENT OF BRITISH TRAWLERS OUTSIDE ICELANDIC
FIFTY- MILE LIMIT. IN SPEECH TO COUNCIL OF EUROPE IN STRASBOURG,
FONMIN STRESSED THAT EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TO REACH AGREEMENT
WITH BRITISH AND GERMANS AND MENTIONED FURTHER TALKS WITH LATTER
IN MID - JUNE. END SUMMARY.

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2. ICELANDIC PRESS AND RADIO REPORTED PROMINENTLY DECISION OF BRITISH TRAWLER CAPTAINS TO CEASE FISHING WITHIN FIFTY- MILE ICELANDIC LIMIT UNLESS HMG PROVIDED ROYAL NAVY PROTECTION. ALL BRITISH TRAWLERS REPORTEDLY MOVED OUTSIDE FIFTY MILES MAY 17 AND HAVE NOT YET RETURNED. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, BRITISH SKIPPERS HAVE IGNORED ORDERS FROM VESSEL OWNERS TO RETURN WITHOUT GUARANTEE OF PROTECTION.

3. PRIMIN OLAFUR JOHANNESSON QUOTED IN PROGRESSIVE DAILY TIMINN AS SAYING THAT DEVELOPMENT PROVED CORRECTNESS OF GOI

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